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THE HILLSBORO CHALLENGE: DUCKS VERSUS BUCKEYES WILL DECIDE WHICH HILLSBORO (OREGON OR OHIO) GETS THE GOODS

Hillsboro, Oregon – Less than a week away from the first-ever College Football Playoff National Championship between the Oregon Ducks and the Ohio State Buckeyes, the City of Hillsboro, Oregon, is backing up its confidence in the Ducks by challenging the City of Hillsboro, Ohio.

Should the Buckeyes miraculously find a way to stop Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota en route to victory, Hillsboro (Oregon) will send Hillsboro (Ohio) an assortment of our best local beers and wine.

In the more likely scenario, when the Ducks emerge victorious and claim their first national championship, Hillsboro (Ohio) has agreed to send Hillsboro (Oregon) its finest locally distilled spirits.

"We're proud of how the Ducks represent the State of Oregon, and we challenged our friends at the City of Hillsboro, Ohio, in part because we are very proud of how our local breweries and wineries represent Hillsboro and Washington County," said Hillsboro (Oregon) City Manager Michael Brown.

"We like to say that we are 'Growing Great Things' in Hillsboro, Oregon, and I think it's only fair that we offer to share some of our great local beverages with our Ohio friends," said Hillsboro (Oregon) Mayor Jerry Willey. "Of course, after the Florida State game, we feel pretty confident that we will get to enjoy a taste of Ohio's best."

While there are numerous Hillsboro's across the United States, only Hillsboro, Oregon, and Hillsboro, Ohio, are in position to celebrate a victory next week. For that, both cities in the Hillsboro Challenge have reason to celebrate.

Tale of the Tape: Hillsboro vs. Hillsboro

Location: Oregon (16 miles west of Portland) Ohio (52 miles east of Cincinnati)

Population:95,3106,605Founded in:18421807County seat:WashingtonHighland

Annual celebration: Celebrate Hillsboro The Festival of the Bells

About the City of Hillsboro: Now Oregon's fifth largest city, with 95,310 people, Hillsboro is helping to grow Oregon's future – from microprocessors to vital industries, centers of commerce and green spaces. Hillsboro is a well-planned, affordable hometown with a strong economic base and one of the state's most diverse populations. It is the high tech corridor for the state and home to a broad range of businesses, large and small, including Oregon's largest employer, Intel. It also has the second busiest airport in the state and the fifth largest school district. Hillsboro hosts the second largest 4th of July parade in Oregon and annual events including a Latino Cultural Festival, Celebrate Hillsboro, and the Oregon International Air Show. Learn more at www.Hillsboro-Oregon.gov.